

# AT THE AUCTION

How Mrs. Cary Came To Possess The Antique Highboy.

"Why, good morning, my dear."

"Oh, good morning. Am I late? I've simply been rushed to death ever since breakfast."

"No. They haven't begun yet. You haven't missed a thing."

"Have you seen anything good this morning?"

"Oh, simply loads! A perfect dream of a highboy and a love of an old English cream and sugar set. Sheffield, you know. I think they almost match that pot I got in New Orleans six years ago."

"Why, how lovely! Oh, there's Mrs. Smithers!"

"Yes, and yesterday she bid over me and took the Chippendale desk I've been waiting for ever since the sale began. I think it was rude of her."

"Perfectly horrid. I always did think she—why, how do you do, Mrs. Smithers? How well you are looking. I'm so glad to see you."

The three ladies kiss. That is always a sign that hostilities are imminent.

"Good gracious! There is that man again. He's a perfect brute. I'm not going to bid against him again. He simply waits till he knows I've reacted my limit and then he bids 50 cents more."

"Why don't you complain to the auctioneer?"

"I believe I will. Oh, just look at that old copper pot! Isn't it a dear?"

"A perfect love. I wonder if we have time to wait through again before the auction begins?"

"Yes, but we mustn't miss getting front seats. What are you looking for this morning, Mrs. Smithers?"

"Oh, nothing in particular. I just thought I'd drop in and see if I could pick up anything good. I believe I'll go back and sit down."

"I'm sure she's found something fine and has got the auctioneer to put it up. Let's hurry back."

"Ladies, the first thing I shall sell this morning is this fine specimen of old English ware. It was picked up by one of our agents in the county of Suffolk and originally came from one of the stately old homes of the English aristocracy. How much am I bid? One dollar. Do I hear two? If I see a hand raised I shall take it as a bid. Thank you, Mrs. Smithers. Two dollars? Two dollars for this beautiful specimen of early English ware from one of the stately seats of the English aristocracy? Why, ladies, it's as if you handed me a fifty-cent piece and I handed you back a dollar. Two dollars! Two dollars, once! And a half, Mrs. Cary? And a half! Two and a half, once, two and a half, twice, two and a half, three. Thank you, Mrs. Smithers."

"There! I told you she was trying to play some underhand trick. And it's just what I needed to fill my set. Would you go any higher?"

"Oh, I think it's a perfect love. I believe I'd give \$5."

"Mrs. Smithers bids \$3 for this rare piece of pottery from the stately home of a belted earl. She bids \$3. Do I hear the four? Mrs. Cary raises her hand. Mrs. Cary bids \$4. Are you all through? Third and last call, \$—\$. Thank you, Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter bids four and a half. Once, twice, three times. Sold to Mr. Carter for four and a half dollars."

"Oh, Mrs. Cary, I'm so sorry you didn't get that piece. You wanted it so badly."

"Oh, not at all. I'd really much rather you'd have had it. That's why I didn't go any higher, my dear."

"Anyway, now that I look at it closely, I don't believe it's genuine, anyhow."

"Why, neither do I. It's a horrid shape, too. What do you suppose anybody could do with a thing like that? But isn't it just like a man?"

"Yes. They are so pig-headed."

"The next thing I shall offer for sale, ladies and gentlemen, is this exquisite highboy. It is a rare bit of Colonial workmanship. Its original owner was one of the proud old Puritan fathers of Massachusetts. I have no doubt that this highboy was once among the household goods of Elder William Brewster. I am almost sure that it came over in the Mayflower. Why, ladies, the possession of this exquisite highboy is quite sufficient to qualify one for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. And how much am I bid for this antique relic of old Puritan days in merry New England? Mr. Carter bids \$10. Ten."

"I think it's a horrid old piece, don't you? But if that man wants it let's all bid against him and pay him up for taking that beautiful old English set."

"Oh, good! Let's all do!"

"Mr. Carter bids \$10. Do I hear the \$20? Thank you, Mrs. Cary bids \$20 for this unique and interesting specimen of the furniture of our forefathers. Twenty dollars? Twenty dollars! Mr. Carter bids twenty-five."

Twenty-five. Twenty-five. Mrs. Smithers raises her hand. Mrs. Smithers bids thirty. Thirty dollars! Forty from Mr. Carter! Thank you sir. Forty dollars once, forty dollars twice, forty."

"Thank you, Mrs. Cary. Mrs. Cary bids \$45. Forty-five once, forty-five twice, forty-five three times—and sold to Mrs. Cary for \$45."

"Oh, what on earth shall I do? I wouldn't have the thing for the world, and besides I've spent twice my allowance already."

"Get up and let the man have it."

"Since the gentleman who bid against me seems so much disappointed I'm willing to withdraw my bid and let him have it."

"Mr. Carter says he couldn't think of being so rude. Mrs. Cary. He is quite content that you should have it."

"Mrs. Smithers, you take it. Your house is so much larger than mine."

"Oh, no, you keep it, my dear. I'm sure it's a good piece. I guess I won't wait any longer. Good morning."

"Good morning, my dear—the wretch! I honestly believe she is glad that I got it. And I paid three prices for it, too. I wish I could make her take the old thing."

"Just look at that man! I actually believe he is smiling."

"Did you ever see such a horrid looking person?"

"A perfectly brutal face."

"What shall I do with that old highboy? It's really a good piece after all, though. Don't you think you could use it, my dear? It would look so well in your dining room."

"I'm afraid not. I have to deny myself a great many things, you know. And, anyhow, I couldn't think of taking it away from you, dear."

"Well, I just thought your dining room looked a trifle bare, that's all. There! That Carter man is going out. The very idea of his sitting there and letting me have that highboy, when he knew perfectly well that I was just bidding against him as a joke."—Chicago Tribune.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE.

Notice of the application of the Fairmont and Mannington Railroad Company to the Common Council of the City of Fairmont, West Virginia, for a franchise for a railroad operated by electricity on and over certain streets in the Town of Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia:

Pursuant to Chapter 23, pages 82 and 83 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1901, notice is hereby given that the Fairmont and Mannington Railroad Company will apply to the Common Council of the City of Fairmont at their usual place of meeting in said town on the 19th day of May, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. of that day, for the right, privilege and franchise of constructing, maintaining and operating a street railroad with necessary and convenient switches, turnouts, side-tracks, poles, wires, supports, masts and other appliances and fixtures, and to be operated by electricity or other motive power on and over the following streets in the Town of Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, to-wit: All those certain streets in the said Town of Fairmont which are touched by the survey for said railroad which was made for said company by F. H. Bailey, chief engineer.

At which time and place an opportunity will be given any citizen or corporation interested in the granting or refusing of said franchise to be heard.

FAIRMONT AND MANNINGTON RAILROAD COMPANY.

By THOS. W. FLEMING, Pres. ALLISON S. FLEMING, Sec'y. Dated the 19th day of April, 1904.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE.

Notice of the application of the Fairmont and Mannington Railroad Company to the County Court of Marion county, West Virginia, for a franchise for a railroad operated by electricity on and over the public roads and county bridges of Marion county, West Virginia:

Pursuant to Chapter 23, pages 82 and 83 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1901, notice is hereby given that the Fairmont and Mannington Railroad Company will apply to the County Court of Marion county, West Virginia, on the 19th day of May, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, for the right, privilege and franchise of constructing, maintaining and operating a street railroad with necessary and convenient switches, turnouts, side-tracks, poles, wires, supports, masts and other appliances and fixtures, and to be operated by electricity or other motive power on, over, along and across public roads and county bridges of said Marion county, West Virginia.

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## NAPOLEON'S AMBITION.

Even as a Child He Was Yearning to Be a Commander.

Even as a child Napoleon Bonaparte showed evidence of the power which was to make him one of the greatest commanders that the world has ever known. His mother often told the following anecdote of his early boyhood he was, in fact, no more than eight years old when it occurred:

"One night he was walking in our garden meditatively. It was raining violently. His brothers had sought shelter in the house, where they were playing. I knocked at the window several times and made him signs to come to me. He shrugged his shoulders with an appearance of ill humor and continued his walk. He was drenched but he did not mind the storm and continued his walk, with his head uncovered and his eyes fixed on the ground. Sometimes he stopped before the little fountain in the garden and appeared to delight in seeing it run and to arrest its precipitancy with his hand. Some claps of thunder were heard, which caused him a nervous shudder, but it did not seem to be fear. He then crossed his arms over his chest and looked at the heavens, courageously waiting for another peal of thunder. I sent my servant to order him to come in. Napoleon said to him, with coldness, but respectfully, 'Tell my mother that it is warm and I am taking an airing.' When the servant again entreated he turned his back on him and quickened his step. It was only when the storm had ceased that he came in, wet to the skin."

"That was not right, my child," I said to him. 'You have disobeyed me.' 'I could not help disobeying you,' he answered. 'I do not know what kept me in the garden, but if I am to be a soldier I must accustom myself to rains and to storms. I am not a girl. I am a man.'

"You are a child, my son, and a disobedient child. If you intend to be a soldier you will learn that it is necessary for you to obey."

"But I will command," said he, with an expression that made us laugh.

"Before you command," I replied, 'you will be compelled to obey, and for a long time. When you enter the service you will not be a general.'

"He advanced toward me, took my hand in his and pressed it, thus tacitly acknowledging that I was right, but not willing to confess it. Already at that age he was so proud."

"What were you thinking about during your walk?" I said to him, while I pressed my lips to his wet hair.

"I do not know. I do not remember. I was thinking of a great many things. Ah, I was endeavoring to recollect a dream I had last night, a dream that pleases me very much! I dreamed that I was a bishop. That is grand, is it not? Do bishops go to the wars?"

"No, my child. That is expressly forbidden them."

"Then I will be a soldier when I am no longer a child. At fifteen you are no longer a child, are you, mother?"

"I think you are something of a child still."

"He paused a few moments and, looking on the ground, said, 'At fifteen I will be a man.'

"He then freed himself from my arms and ran into the garden."

## What Pigs Can Be Taught.

Owing to their obstinacy and seeming stupidity the pig is usually classed among the dull animals. This, however, is not a just estimate of its intelligence. "Learned" pigs that could pick out letters of the alphabet have been exhibited at fairs. Throw a pig into deep water, and it will begin swimming ashore at once, which is more than most men are able to do.

In France they have been trained to hunt for truffles (which are hidden underground) and to draw the plow. They have even been taught to act as pointers. In most cases they are trained by means of reward for success. In pointing, for example, when they blunder they get a stone, but if, when they spot the bird, they drop their tail and ears and sink on their knees and do not rise until after the bird has risen they are rewarded with pudding.

## The Best Water.

A writer in Vim does not think highly of mineral waters. He says: "The best water is the water containing the least mineral matter in it. The nearer you can come to getting absolutely pure water (H<sub>2</sub>O) to drink the more easy it will be to keep in good health. The simplest form in which absolutely pure water is found is in rain. And rain-water collected from off a clean surface and stored in a clean reservoir is as good as anything one can find. The best substitute for rainwater is good distilled water. In fact, distilled water may be somewhat preferable, as it is not subject to accidental contamination in the many ways rainwater is. To argue that absolutely pure water is not healthful is equal to saying that the addition of pollution improves it—a proposition that will not stand the test of hard common sense."

## Where the Octopus Is Eaten.

The octopus is very largely used as an article of food in southern Italy. Its long tentacles are cut transversely, so that when served at table they have the appearance of rings. The fish, when taken by day, are lured from the crevices of the rocks by a piece of red flannel at the end of a bamboo, which they attempt to grasp, and they are then speared with a trident. At night an iron cradle with a bright flame of resinous wood is fixed to the bows of the boat. This attracts the fish and leads him to his doom. These fires are now being entirely superseded by acetylene gas, and the catches are so enormous as to threaten the octopus with destruction.

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## RACING NEWS

SHUT OFF FROM POOL ROOMS CAUSED CONSTERNATION AMONG POOL ROOM OWNERS.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Robert C. Clowery, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, issued an order to-day shutting off all racing news to subscribers in New York. It is expected that this action will close every pool room in town. The order follows:

"I have on my own initiative decided to discontinue the delivery of reports of horse races to all classes of subscribers in the city of New York and the reports have been discontinued."

The order is signed by Robert C. Clowery, president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

This order caused dismay among pool room owners and their customers.

It was noted about in the Criminal Court building this afternoon and not denied, that District Attorney Jerome had brought John Doe proceedings to ascertain who was responsible for furnishing racing reports to the pool rooms. It was announced at the district attorney's office later that subpoenas would be issued to-night for all the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

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## Suit Entered.

Suit in chancery has been entered in Circuit Court by Sarepta Matheny against Gilbert Fluharty. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney Hess.

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## License to Wed.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to L. W. Radcliffe, 24, and Iva B. Merrifield, 18.



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